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SUBJECT: LOS: PRESS REPORT ON STATEMENT BY US OFFICIAL

1. CHAIRMAN OF SC INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON LOS, JOHN NORTON MOORE, GAVE PRESS BRIEFING ON NOVEMBER 29 ON LOS ISSUES. AP REPORTED ON BRIEFING IN STORY FILED BY GEORGE GEDD IN SPANISH DECEMBER 5. STORY CONTAINS FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "JOHN NORTON MOORE, ASESOR DEL GOBIERNO DE NIXON EN CUESTIONED OCEANICAS, CONSIDERA QUE ES DE INTERES PARA LOS PAISES LATINO-AMERICANOS CONTAR CON UNA ADMINISTRACION INTERNACIONAL DE ESPECIES ALTAMENTE MIGRATORAS COMO L ATUN.

ESTOS PAISES NO PODRAN A LARGO PLAZO PROTEGER SUS RESERVAS DE ATUN SI RECLAMAN UN MAR TERRITORIAL DE 200 MILLAS, DIJO
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NORTON, Y ASEGURO QUE PRONTO SE DISPONDRA DE LA TECNOLOGIA

CAPAZ QUE PERMITA LA MANIPULACION DE LOS HABITOS MIGRATORIOS DEL ATUN.

CON ESTA TECNOLOGIA, DIJO MOORE, EL ATUN PODRA SER ATRAIDO FUERA DE LOS LIMITES DE LAS 200 MILLAS."

2. THIS REPORT IS INACCURATE AND BASED ON MISUNDERSTANDING OF REMARKS BY MOORE. AT BRIEFING MOORE MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN REPLY TO QUESTION: "MY FEELING IS THAT IT WOULD BE IN THE STRONG INTEREST OF ALL STATES TO HAVE

INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES SUCH AS TUNA. NATIONS SIMPLY CANNOT IN THE LONG RUN PROTECT THEIR INTEREST IN TUNA STOCKS BY A 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA CLAIM. IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO WORK BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY TO TAKE THE TUNA BEYOND 200 MILES. MUCH OF THE TUNA IS ALREADY CAUGHT BEYOND 200 MILES. YOU DON'T HAVE THE CERTAINTY OF EXPLOITATION IF YOU ARE TRYING TO TAKE IT WITHIN 200 MILES BECAUSE THE TUNA DON'T ALWAYS GO TO THE SAME PLACE EVERY YEAR, AND THE ONLY WAY I THINK THEY CAN PROTECT THEIR INTEREST ADEQUATELY IN MAKING CERTAIN THE STOCK IS CONSERVED THROUGHOUT ITS RANGE IS TO TAKE AN INTERNATIONAL APPROACH TO THE MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF TUNA STOCK. SO THAT MY OWN FEELING IS THEY HAVE A GREAT DEAL TO GAIN BY THAT. THEY HAVE A GREAT DEAL TO GAIN BY SEPARATING THE CONCEPT OF MAINTENANCE OF HIGH SEAS FREEDOM AND NAVIGATION, WHICH THEY BENEFIT FROM, FROM THIS NOTION OF A 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA THAT LUMPS EVERYTHING TOGETHER." GEDDA HAS TOLD US HE MISINTERPRETED "TAKE" TO MEAN "LURE". REFERENCE TO TECHNOLOGY TO MANIPULATE MIGRATORY HABITS OF TUNA IS SIMPLY ERRONEOUS.

3. IF STORY IS REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS, EMBASSIES SHOULD IF APPROPRIATE ISSUE CORRECTION BASED ON ACTUAL STATEMENT BY PROFESSOR MOORE. RUSH

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